GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1685
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INTER-STATE WATER DISPUTES
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of Inter-State river water disputes pending settlement in the country as on date;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the time by which all the disputes are likely to be settled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Ravi and Beas water dispute and the Cauvery waterdisputes were referred to the Tribunals under the provisions of the Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956 for adjudication in April, 1986 and June, 1990 respectively. Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal has submitted a fact finding report on 30.1.1987. The Central Government as well asthe party States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab have sought explanation and guidance on certain points from the Tribunal under Section 5(3) of the Inter-State Water DisputesAct, 1956. Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal passed an interim order on June 25, 1991 giving relief to State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The Central Government has published the interim order in the official gazette on 10.12.91 making it final and binding on the parties to the disputes. The Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956 doesnot prescribe any time limit for the tribunals to submit their report.